

Tam Twirlers Square Dance Club



Newsletter June, 2011



June Dance Schedule

Tuesdays

June 7, 14, 21, 28

Los Robles Mobile Home Park Rec Center

6:45 – 8:00 Beginning square dance class

8:00 – 9:00 Mainstream square dance class

9:00 – 9:30 Plus square dance class

All members welcome for all sessions

Wednesdays

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Rod and Gun Club

6:15 – 6:45 Level 2 Round dance class: 2-step

6:45 – 7:30 Level 2 Round dance class: waltz

7:30 – 7:45 Squares. Two couple Plus warm-up

7:45 – 9:30 Squares. Plus tips. Numbered cards used for square assignments except for first and last tips. Rounds between tips.

No Round Dance Class June 15th

Dan and Allison will be away, so there will be no round dance class June 15. Square dancing will begin at its usual 7:30 time.

The Pres Presents

Janet Sayles

Throughout my journey as being President this year, I have seen the club accomplish so many successes I cannot even begin to count! From establishing our new home at the Rod & Gun Club to helping Eric create the most successful beginner's class he has ever had, to our black light night the newest twist in a hoedown.

I could not imagine ending this year any differently than passing on the torch to our up and coming new President Gen Sheppard.

Not only would I like to thank the board, but each and every one of the general membership

for putting in their time and energy to make this year an absolute success.

Thank you for making this year the best it has ever been.

Janet

Class Act

Jeanice McGee

We had eight new students sign up for our new beginning square dance class. One is just returning to square dancing and dances with us all evening. We had a brand new dancer come last Tuesday. She will be joining our new class on Tuesday July 5th. So angels, we will need your help that night. Please, join us at 6:45, and bring a little food too.

Could I Have This Dance?

Meg Wallhagen

Two of the round dances Dan and Allison have taught us this past month are very different in mood. For 2-step we've learned "King of the Road" where we get to do some catchy struts and finger snaps. For waltz we've learned steps set to the very romantic music of Anne Murray's "Could I Have This Dance?"

Could I have this dance for the rest of my life?

Would you be my partner every night?

When we're together, it feels so right.

Could I have this dance for the rest of my life?

Wow.

Membership Meeting June 29th

Here are the nominees for next year's Board:

President

Gen Sheppard

Vice President

Frank Aftowicz

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Marge Bowcock and Brad Christie

Secretary

Open

Publicity

Mary Carter and Brad Christie

Membership

June McClanahan

NCSDA Delegate

Bob Sheppard

Class Coordinator and Hospitality

Jeanice McGee

Fun and Games/Sheriff

Brad Sayles

Treasurer and Publicity nominees are not competing but asking to serve jointly. In accordance with our Bylaws, the outgoing President, Janet Sayles, will stay on the Board for an additional year as a voting member.

Note that the secretary position is still open. If anyone is interested in serving on the Board in this capacity, please contact Gen or Jerry Kerby. Nominations for any position may also be made from the floor on June 25th.

Your newsletter editors, Bill & Meg, are not Board members but do serve at the pleasure of the Board. We have been asked to continue and have agreed to do so.

Changing of the Guard

Bill Strawbridge

June marks the end of Janet Sayles' two years of service as President of our club. We all owe her a lot of yellow rocks. For club presidents, there are opportunities for wise decisions that make the job worthwhile but there are also times when being in the forefront means taking flack and even feeling lonely. So as Janet settles into being an ex-president let's all be grateful that she was willing to serve and, looking ahead, treat our new president as we would want to be treated if we were in that position.

Guess the Calls Results

Carolyn Maloney Scores 100%

Carolyn and Tom Maloney are Adobe Squares dancers who also come for our round dance class. Carolyn said she got the answers to all the Plus call clues in our puzzle last month except one, where she answered "Spin Chain the Gears" instead of "Linear Cycle" to the clue "Bike that won't turn." Well, on official review her answer also fits the clue so she actually got all of them correct. Way to go Carolyn!

Our Own Anniversary Hoedown

Tam Twirlers 33rd Anniversary

Saturday, June 18, 7:30 to 10:30

Rick Hampton and Eric Henerlau

Yes, it's here – our very own 33rd anniversary hoedown on June 18 featuring Rick Hampton and Eric Henerlau. Rick is a full-time caller from Visalia, California. Alternating Plus and Advanced tips European Style (no breaks between tips). Just continuous square dancing so dancers take breaks only when they want to. Same great location as the past few years – San Rafael Community Center, 618B Street. Sign-up sheets are on our table.

Other June Dances

Bows & Beaus Ice Cream Fling Thing

Saturday, June 4, 7:30 to 10:30 PM

Hunter Keller with Sue Harris

Clad in a cowboy hat, young Hunter Keller hails from Billings, Montana. He started calling in college, which wasn't all that long ago. Round dancing 7:30 to 8 and between tips. Lots of ice cream which accounts for the suggested donation of \$15 per person. John Muir Middle School, 1260 Branham Lane, San Jose.

Early July Dances

Eric Hosts Annual July 4th Celebration

Each year Eric invites dancers from all clubs to dance in front of the Corte Madera Rec Center as part of the Corte Madera/Larkspur 4th of July Parade starting at 10:00 AM. If you've never danced on curving blacktop before, you're in for one of those unique learning experiences.

Afterwards all are invited to gather at Eric's house nearby for a BBQ. Eric provides the chicken and beer – guests should bring a side dish or dessert. There's also a crafts fair in the Rec Center park so plan some browsing time.

Circle 'n Squares Plus Dance

Saturday, July 9, 8:00 to 10:30 PM

Ken Ritucci with Jeanne Van Blarcum

Ken Ritucci comes from West Springfield, Massachusetts but with his extensive calling schedule and ownership of three caller teaching schools in different states, he's more likely to be on the road than at home. He's fast so be prepared. Round dancing from 7:30 to 8 and between tips. Monroe Hall, 1400 W. College Ave., Santa Rosa.

Who's Your Corner?

See if you can figure out the names of this month's mystery couple. Answer is on page 4.

- Some folks grow up in one place and live there for the rest of their lives but not this couple. Along the way he's managed to work for 4 military services in different locations while she has gone from insurance underwriting to teaching and even earning a Masters in Education while in Germany including a ceremony at Heidelberg Castle. They also have a knack for getting places just when something unusual is about to happen.
- They got married 6 months after meeting in a Club Med in Mexico and she then moved from the Bay Area to be with him in Los Angeles where he worked for the VA after an earlier stint in the Air Force. But then he transferred to the Army and it was off to Northern Germany for 11 years for both of them where he worked in social services such as substance abuse while she got a first grade teaching job.
- They were living in Germany when the wall between East and West came down. They also saw the beginning of the so-called "Velvet Revolution" when they travelled to Czechoslovakia in 1989. The future President, Vaclav Havel, was released from prison while

they were there and began the country's movement to democracy.

- Next stop was Albany in southwest Georgia where he worked on a Marine Corps base and she was able to continue her elementary school teaching. They say they found the culture shock bigger between Germany and rural Georgia than they had between California and Germany. While in Georgia surrounded by acres of peanut farms they spent a lot of time kayaking on local rivers and streams there and in northern Florida.
- He hadn't yet worked for the Navy, so off they went to Key West where he helped sailors with relocation and financial assistance as well as trying to mitigate domestic violence. She continued her education work focusing on science this time as well as giving kids additional assistance in reading and math. While in Key West they enjoyed going on cruises but could have done without the all-too-frequent hurricanes.
- On retiring they returned to their roots in California, picking the Bay Area because they had relatives here as well as in Sacramento and Fresno. As chance would have it, her cousin is a Tam Twirlers member and encouraged them to take lessons. They signed up and started at Rod & Gun but true to form finished learning Plus on a trip to Florida's Long Key.
- They even managed to square dance during a New Zealand trip at Rotorua and Christchurch. Not easy because you have to hunt in New Zealand for a square dancing club – they were told that the country's national convention each year attracts all of 200 dancers.
- Activities for both include different types of dancing, hiking, and kayaking as well as taking their trailer all around the West. She also does quilting, knitting, and sewing.

So who are these two? For extra credit, what is the name of her Tam Twirler cousin who brought them to our door?

June Birthdays

Molly Anderson Jamie Betts Rick Clinton
Tom Metzger Marsha Scott Irv Steinberg

Setter/Cleaner Uppers

Check below for dates or on the calendar on the sign-in table at Rod and Gun. Please remember it is your responsibility to switch with someone if you are unable to make your assigned date and then Vita Drucker know so she can revise the calendar and remind the appropriate people the day before.

If you plan to go on leave or a long vacation, let her know in advance so she can schedule accordingly.

Set-up: Arrive by 7:00 – tables, most of the chairs, and the ice water should already be set up. Put out the hand sanitizer, cups, snack mix, and flyers on the far table. Put out more chairs if needed. Put sign-in sheets on the table by the door. On party night, set up an extra food table along with napkins, the coffee pot, and assorted drink items. When supplies are running low, let Jeanice know. When it gets dark turn on the outside lights.

Clean-up: Help cuers and callers load their equipment. Police the hall for empty cups and other trash. Empty the water cooler. Place the cooler, supplies, and table items back in their respective bins in our cupboard. Chairs and tables remain in place. The janitor will take care of the garbage, lights, and locking up, but be sure to close ALL doors when you leave.

Schedule

7:00 Setup	9:30 Cleanup
June 1 Scott	Jones & Christie
June 8 Aftowicz & Anderson	Van Herick
June 15 Mousley	Hard
June 22 McGee & Ryan	Parker
June 29 Clinton (Party Nite)	Betts
July 6 Kerby	Sayles
July 13 Street	Strawbridge/Wallhagen
July 20 Bowcock & McClanahan	Wards
July 27 Carter (Party Nite)	Jones & Christie

★★ And Your Corners Are ★★

Bill and Sybil Hard

Extra credit: Sybil's cousin is Soni Farwell

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